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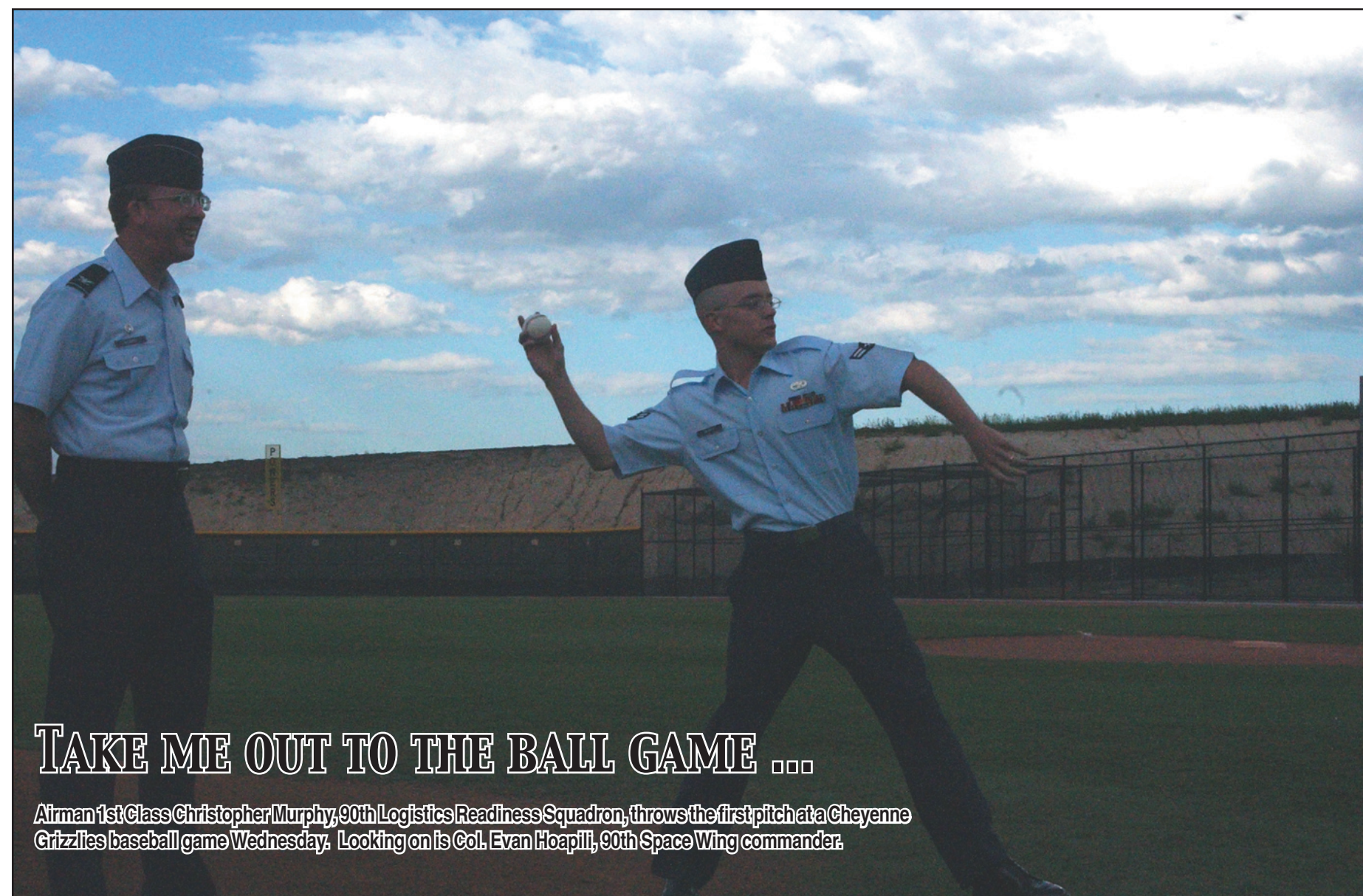
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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME ...

Airman 1st Class Christopher Murphy, 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron, throws the first pitch at a Cheyenne Grizzlies baseball game Wednesday. Looking on is Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

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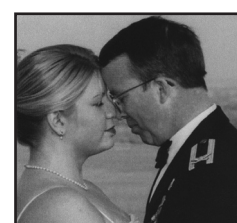
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Without thinking, we're lucky to be alive

Staff Sgt. Don Branum
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AFB, Colo. – Our office had a safety briefing with a different flavor before Memorial Day weekend. Every other safety or operational risk management briefing I have sat through since I enlisted six years ago was vanilla: “Don’t drink and drive. Only drive eight hours per day. Make sure you have whatever safety equipment you need for outdoor activities. See you next week.”

This briefing was a sundae instead. Each of us related a story about something we had done that might not have happened if we’d thought about it before doing it – simple risk management.

One of my coworkers shared a story of taking an impromptu mountain climbing trip. Since it was on such short notice, he didn’t bother taking any gear with him and didn’t do research into the area he’d be climbing. Five hours into the climb, he found himself on an almost nonexistent ledge with a sharp wind pushing up at his feet. “That was not a smart position to be in,” he told us. He had given himself no choice – he would either have to press on or turn around and make a five-hour climb back to his starting point.

My account was about fatigued driving. As a member of the honor guard at my last base, I was responsible for driving 11 people in our funeral detail to and from the ceremony. We finished the service and were on our way back; most of the Airmen quickly fell asleep, exhausted from the scorching heat and oppressive humidity.

I was just as exhausted, but too proud

to admit it or ask someone else to drive. The van began to drift toward the right side of the road the second or third time my eyes drooped. Both I and my colleagues were extremely lucky I woke up when the front right tire scraped along the side of the pavement.

The most sobering story came from the next person in our circle, who told us about a kayaking trip he took on his 21st birthday. Again, the notice was short, and he didn’t give himself time to prepare. The river got choppy shortly after he and his friends began their adventure, and his kayak flipped. Rolling over on a kayak is a common occurrence, but he was not adequately trained to recover. After three failed attempts to right himself, he reached for the pull cord to get out of his kayak.

The pull cord was nowhere to be found. In his haste to prepare for the trip, he tucked the cord inside the rubber skirt of his kayak. “At the time, I thought, ‘That’s it, I’m dead,’” he said. He had been submerged for about 45 seconds.

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Hoops Shots

This week sees the return of baseball to Cheyenne. I’ll have the honor of cheering on the Cheyenne Grizzlies as they take on the Laramie Colts at Wednesday’s Military Appreciation Night. They asked me to throw out the opening pitch but that didn’t quite seem right to me. First, I’m not sure I can bring on the heat enough to get across home plate in front of a crowd. And second, I wanted to highlight someone who I appreciate. So, I asked **Airman 1st Class Christopher Murphy** from our mighty 90th Logistic Readiness Squadron to join me for the honors. His service in Iraq and terrific attitude here are commendable, and I’m pretty sure he’s got a better throwing arm.

I’d also like to acknowledge our mighty 90th Communication Squadron communicators who represented Team Warren in the 2005 27th Bolder Boulder 10K run. Along with **Command Chief Master Sgt. Jim Wood**, the team included: **Senior Airmen Robert Monohan and David Nunes, 2nd Lts. Johnathan Jordan, Michael Weaver, Adam Aasen, and Shaylyn Aasen, 1st Lt. Hershey Langston, Capt. Chad Rogers and Leah Rogers**. They all came in under an hour – a great example of both fitness and wingmen!

Also making a huge impression on our command chief were mighty members of our 90th Operations Group and 90th Security Forces Group. During a tour to November 01, the following really highlighted our profes-

sional team: **Senior Airman Kuincey Stewart (FSC), Airmen 1st Class Kristina Goins and Melissa Flanagan (SRT), Capts. William Weiford III and Monty Salanoa (oncoming crew); Staff Sgt. Barney Nunn (oncoming facility manager; Tech. Sgt. Roy Robinson (oncoming chef); 2nd Lts. Julie McElroy and Stephanie McDiarmid (off-going crew), Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Raff (off-going facility manager) and Airman Holly Marquez (off-going chef).**

Well this article marks the end of my last full week on active duty. It’s also the 72nd article I’ve written for the Sentinel. It has been the highlight of my career to have served with the warriors of Team Warren. I look forward to showing Col. Mike Carey what a great wing he will soon command. He’s a class act who loves this base and our mission and will serve you extremely well. They say you always want to go out on top and your performance has allowed me to do just that.

Amanda and I are extremely grateful for how well you have taken care of us in this most demanding tour. Your humor, tenacity and service have made all the difference. We both wish all of you every success in the years and struggles ahead. You will remain in our thoughts and prayers. If I don’t get a chance to see you over the few remaining days we have left, please accept our deepest thanks. You are the best damn ICBM wing in the world!

- Col. Hoops

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He changed his mind a few seconds later and tore frantically at the kayak’s skirt to free himself. After struggling for several more seconds, he pulled himself out and swam to safety.

We each shared our own harrowing tale. As we listened, we took

notes about what contributed to each person’s situation. We chuckled as we scribbled down “foolhardiness,” “lack of training” or “lack of preparation.”

Even as we laughed, though, we learned. Our group was small, but we each had a story that could have

ended tragically.

The most important lesson I came away with is this: if you do not determine the consequences of your decision before you make it, you’ll be lucky to survive the experience.

Risk management has to be more than a dusty copy of an Air Force

instruction – it has to be more than an annual training requirement. It must be a constant and conscious method you use to make decisions.

It’s better to be smart than lucky. Be prepared: know your limits, know your surroundings and be safe. Your life depends on it.

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One man: What the Hoopla is about

1st Lt. Nicole Walters
Public affairs

After 24 years in the military, Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, will retire on June 15.

Although Colonel Hoapili supported the space and missile mission for the majority of his military career, the defining moment of his career happened much earlier in his life; it was when his mom Cynthia married Kermit Clark.

Still in grade school, Colonel Hoapili had struggled for several years and his grades had declined.

"I didn't know it because I was working to support us," said Mrs. Clark. "The school even called me to tell me when he had skipped school."

The rebellious behavior stopped immediately when Kermit came into Colonel Hoapili's life--he had found a mentor.

"Kermit spent time with Evan as a father and a role model," said Mrs. Clark. "He got Evan interested in karate and they even took lessons together."

"Kermit really influenced Evan," said Mrs. Amanda Hoapili, the colonel's wife. "He was a beacon that showed Evan accountability and responsibility were good traits. He molded Evan into who he is today."

"He was a wonderful child and has grown into an incredible man and leader," said Mr. Kermit Clark. "We've always been proud of him."

Colonel Hoapili has always been proud of the missile heritage in his family. His grandfather Robert Swope was a master planning manager at Martin Planning Area and handled the Titan contracts.

Colonel Hoapili's military interest started in the lower part of his family's bi-level home in Colorado.

"We had a pool table in the basement," said Mrs. Clark. "He would have all his friends over for hours and they would play war games on the pool table."

"They would be in the basement comprising strategies and plotting maps," said Mr. Clark. "He worked out

of the basement so much it really was his command center."

With a mentor by his side, Colonel Hoapili was on the honor roll as a student and was listed in the honor publication "Who's Who".

In college he became involved in the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and as they say, the rest is history.

After retirement, Col. Hoops plans on pursuing other interests.

He hasn't settled on anything specific, but his mother has been providing suggestions.

"I always thought he would be a lawyer," said Mrs. Clark. "He just is such a great people person and always wants to get things done."

"He has a passion to improve things. If he sees issues, whether or not he can fix it isn't the question, it's that he tries to make things better," said Mrs. Hoapili.

"He's really proud of 0-0-1-3 and Fall Hall. The memories and friends we have at Warren will be with us always no matter where we go."



Courtesy photo

A young Col. Hoops poses for a portrait with his mother and step-father.

CV leaves 90 SW; moves down the road

Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon
Public affairs

Col. Barry Kistler, 90th Space Wing, has transitioned to his new assignment as vice commander of the 20th Air Force.

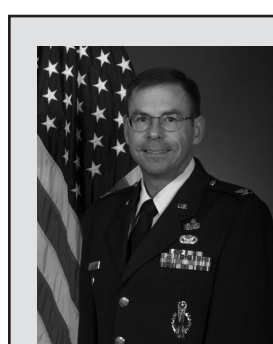
The new vice commander explained the importance of such a move is not one to underestimate: "Any time you are a commander, the stress and pressure is tremendous," he said.

Working with people to inspire them to do their best is something that Colonel Kistler has never overlooked. "The role of 20th Air Force is to organize, train and equip," he said.

Twentieth AF also is expected to provide the wings with the best advice possible, a challenge the vice commander is up to.

So far, he thinks he's making progress. "I think I've made a positive impact."

Even in his position he understands that each assignment comes with challenges, but ultimately re-



"Every assignment is a good assignment; it just depends on what you make of it."

-- Col. Barry Kistler, 90th Space Wing vice-commander

wards.

As the 20th vice commander, his duties will be similar to that of his duties as the wing vice commander.

Carrying out the vision of Maj. Gen. Klotz, 20th Air Force commander is the top priority.

Joining the Air Force as a second lieutenant in January 1979, Colonel Kistler began his career as a security police officer at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

From that initial assignment, Colonel Kistler has been stationed all over the world, including a stint at the

Pentagon, before taking commander and vice commander positions at various bases around the Air Force.

One of his first assignments as commander was here at the 400th Missile Squadron, and he temporarily served as commander of the 90th Security Forces Group while he was also the vice commander of the 90th Space Wing.

With each different job comes a new challenge, he said, including the job description. "Every assignment is a good assignment; it just depends on what you make of it."

After completing his first tour, his career expanded into missile operations and he was assigned to the 351st Strategic Missile Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO. Following this he was selected for TOP HAND where he participated in operational test and evaluation launches for the Minuteman II and III intercontinental ballistic missile weapon systems. Then he was off to serve as chief of protocol for the 1st Strategic Aerospace Division, later renamed the Strategic Missile Center.

"It's kept it very interesting," he said.

As a self-proclaimed "Air Force brat," Colonel Kistler joined the Air Force because he recalled the opportunities his father was afforded while he was in the military.

He also felt a commission could do things for him the civilian world couldn't.

After 26 years on the job, the colonel smiles and says he's "still cooking."

Briefs

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement course

The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, a researched skills-based program designed to give married couples the skills necessary to overcome the challenges inherent in every relationship, is holding a course 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18 with follow-up sessions at 7 p.m., July 7 and 14.

If you would like to learn how to be a better spouse and improve the quality of your marriage, the PREP course may help.

The cost is \$35 however, the chapel will pay for any Warren couples who wish to attend.

All classes will be held in the chapel activities center, Building 212.

For more information, or to sign up, call 773-3434.

Physical Therapy Clinic is moving

The physical therapy clinic will be moving from the main clinic in Building 160 to the Health and Wellness Center located in Building 475 (co-located with Freedom Hall Fitness Center).

The PT department will be closed on June 17, but will reopen at the HAWC on June 20.

The phone numbers for the PT clinic will remain the same: 773-3406.

If you have any questions, contact the physical therapy clinic at the above phone number.

History office requests help

The 90th Space Wing Historian office is currently writing the 2002 through 2005 wing history.

To accomplish this, the historian office is collecting photographs and mission related documents for documentation and also to archive the events for future generations.

If servicemembers are able to assist, contact the 90th Space Wing Historian office at: 90SW.HO@warren.af.mil.



Photo by Liz Saucier

Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, gets the crowd riled up for the first chip toss at the 2004 Frontiercade Buffalo Chip Competition. Traditionally the commander of Warren is asked to be the first to toss the chip during the annual event.



Photo by Berni Ernst



Photo by Liz Saucier

Left: Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, chats with McGruff the Crime Dog during the 2004 Armed Forces Day event at the Frontier Mall. Above: Master Sgt. (ret.) Jeff Bohn presents Col. Hoops with the Air Force Public Affairs Special Achievement for Commander Support award, which was the first individual Air Force-level award Col. Hoops won.



Construction Corner

Road closure

There will be a road closure on Ziemann Boulevard and parking lot improvements from 8 a.m., Monday through October. This closure is for the installation of the new Ziemann Boulevard and drainage channel, to be installed north of the Carlin Heights family housing area. Territory Road will be closed at the intersection of Territory Road and Old Glory Road, Black Powder Road will be closed 100 feet to the south of Building 841.

For more information, contact Harry Furrey at 773-3539 or the construction management office at 773-2288.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan

Col. Hoops gets ready to dig in at the Freedom Elementary ground-breaking ceremony September 2004.



Photo by Berni Ernst

Amanda Hoapili helps her husband, Col. Hoops, get ready to flip flapjacks at Cheyenne Frontier Day's Pancake Breakfast July 2004.

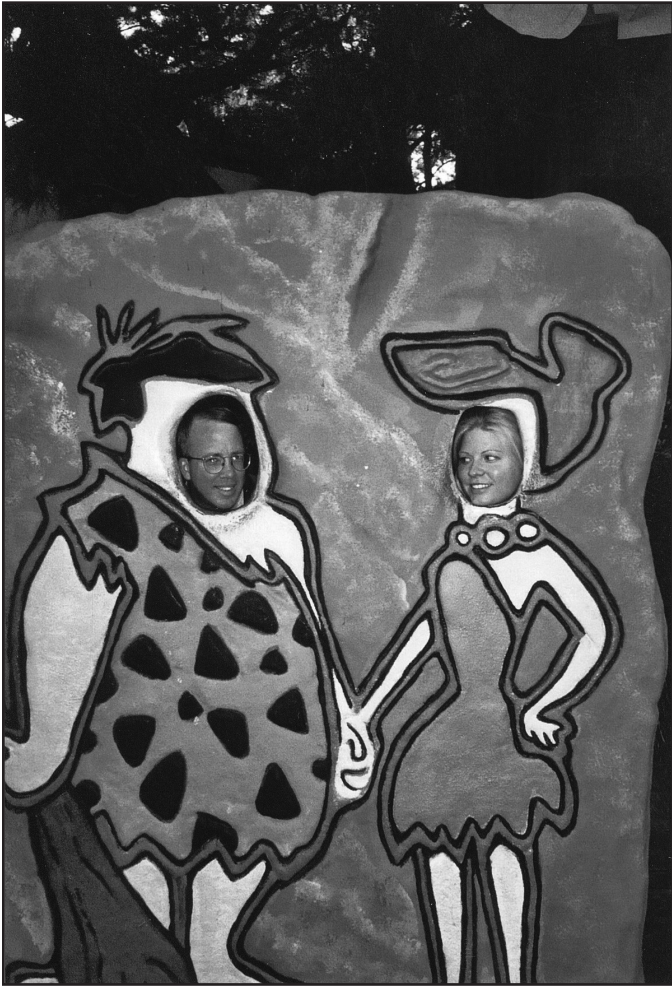


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Wyoming Senator Craig Thomas, Col. Evan Hoapili and Wyoming Adjunct General Ed Wright read the inscription on the scissors used to cut the ribbon during the ribbon cutting ceremony at Freedom Hall October 2003.

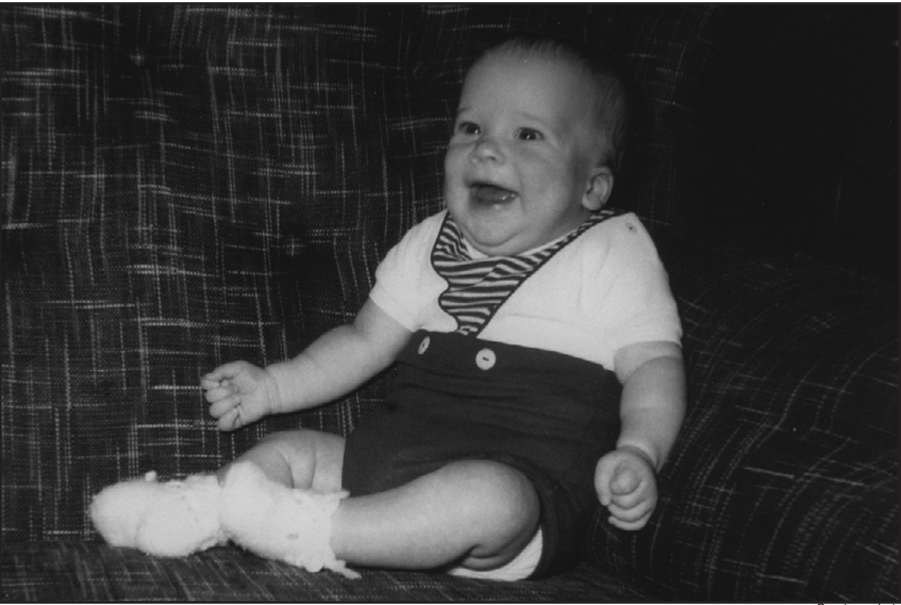


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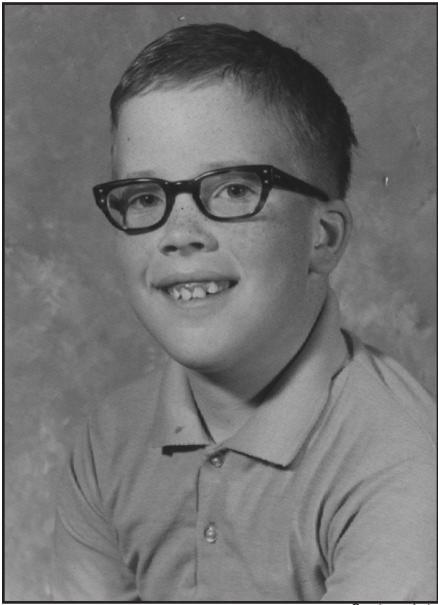


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Above: Col. Evan "Flintstone" Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, and his wife Amanda take it back to the stone-age during a vacation to Universal Studios.
Left: Col. Hoops and his wife, Amanda wave to the crowd as they are introduced at the 2004 Frontier Days Coronation Ball.



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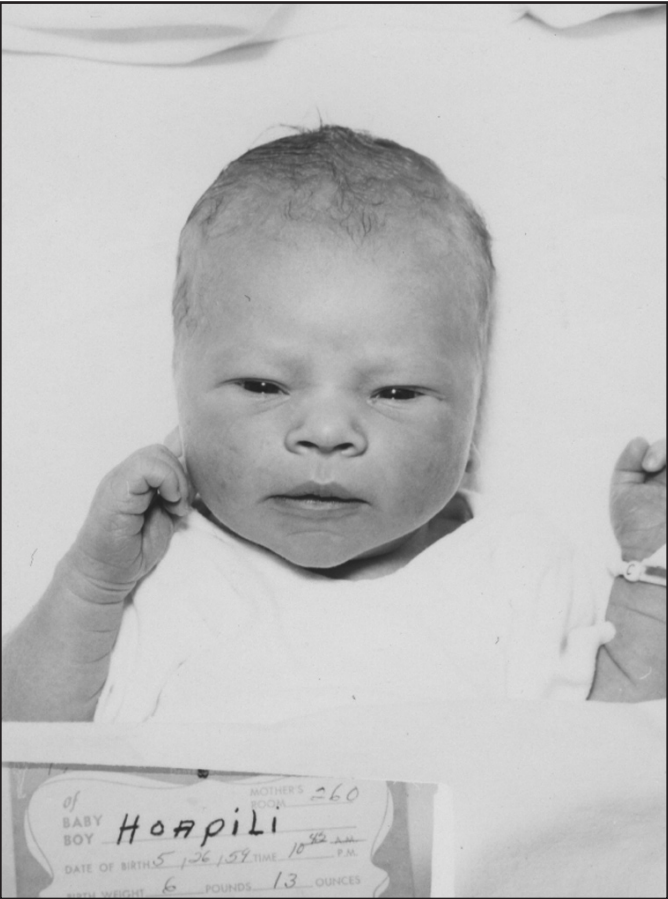
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Col. Hoops: A life in review

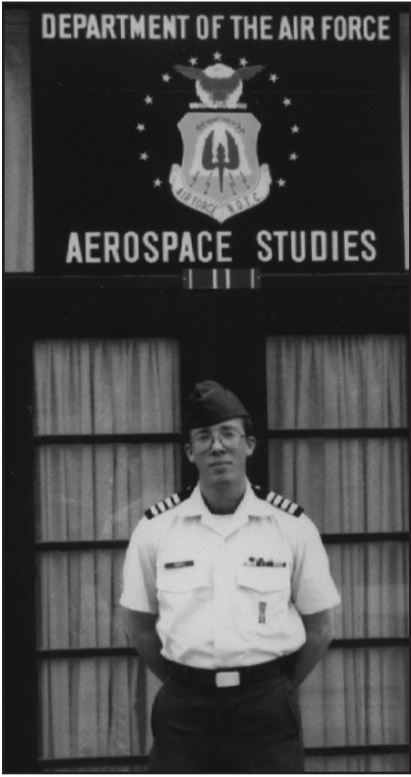


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Col. Evan "Trump" Hoapili takes a break and poses with his wife, Amanda, after "firing" four out of the five group commanders during Warren's Air Force Assistance Fund "Apprentice" promotion in May.



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Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, tests out the goods at Operation Provide Joy's chili cookoff fundraiser.



Photos by Liz Saucier

Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Vincent Dicks show off their mess dress at the 2003 Annual Awards Banquet at the Pronghorn Center.



Col. Hoops hitches a ride in a carriage on his way to his change of command ceremony.



Left: Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander greets Col. Hoops and his wife at the general's annual holiday reception.
Far left: Col. Hoops accepts command of the 90th Space Wing at his change of command ceremony.



Courtesy photo

DON'T MESS WITH COL. HOOPS

A younger Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, shows off his martial arts skills and blocks an opponent's round-house kick to the face during a karate match.

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Muscle behind the man

Commander's secretary gives us the scoop

Nila Connors is the muscle behind the man. As the commander's secretary, she is responsible for keeping the commander in the know, on track, and on task. She took a break recently to talk to 1st Lt. Nicole Walters about her life, her work and her commander.

How many commanders have you worked for?

Five. Two wing commanders, three vice commanders and three squadron commanders.

Do they have different styles?

Oh yes! For example, Colonel Hoapili is a speed reader. His desk is always organized and he doesn't like to leave things overnight. He clears things very fast. Another commander I worked for prioritized differently and organized his desk and tasks to meet the needs of the day.

Have you spoken with the new wing commander, Col. Mike Carey?

Yes, several times. He seems to be nice, cheerful and ready to take on the world. He seems like a good stable family man.

What's the hardest part of your job?
"Training a new exec!" stated Capt. Matt Guenther, 90th Space Wing executive officer.



Nila Connors, secretary for the 90th Space Wing commander and vice-commander, takes a break from her busy day to pose for a picture Thursday morning.

Yeah! But seriously, it's a balancing act. There are two commanders, the wing and vice, that I do scheduling for and assist. You have to know how to prioritize. Sometimes I think I've got it all prioritized and then something happens that requires me to drop everything. You have to be flexible to do that.

You are an Iowa girl like me, aren't you?

Yes. Atlantic, Iowa. My husband, Pat, was the operations group chief master sergeant and retired here in '91.

What did you do before you worked at Warren?

In 1983 I worked as the secretary for the Defense

Attaché at the embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. My husband was a linguist and we had three tours at embassies: Moscow, Belgrade, and Ottawa.

So when you aren't being busy at work, what keeps you busy at home?

My husband and I have three horses and four cats, plus I enjoy gardening.

What traits does Colonel Hoapili have that you hope Colonel Carey will have?

Colonel Hoapili is a great communicator. He's a great mentor to the junior Airmen and civilians. He has so much knowledge because he's had a diverse career and assignments. He's made Warren a better base and dramatically increased the morale.

What's been the Colonel's worst day?

He really believes in the people of Warren and the mission. When he's lost an Airman, when he's had a rollover--those are the days that are difficult.

What's the best part of your job?

Working with great professionals who are knowledgeable. The events and mission on base are also wonderful. You get a glimpse of it at the squadron level, but at the wing level you see the whole picture.

Fishing boats ready for rental

Outdoor recreation has 14' boats with 15hp motors ready for rental. A rental requires a 1 7/8" ball, a flat four-electrical connection for the lights and a completed boaters safety course. Renters are also recommended to check to see that their vehicle insurance covers rented towed vehicles. Reservations for the boats can be made up to 30 days in advance by calling ODR and guaranteed with a VISA or MasterCard. For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility

Every Sunday is Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility.

All active duty members may bring their family members with military ID cards to dine at Chadwell, noon to 1 p.m. Also invited are family members of the deployed.

Family members of E-1 to E-4 active duty are welcome to accompany their sponsor

to any and all Chadwell Dining Facility meal times.

Car wash special

Tired of messing around with quarters when that car of yours needs to be washed? Call or stop by the auto skills center and purchase a pre-programmed wash card.

For more information, call the auto skills center at 773-3869.

Golf 4 Kids

Kids ages 8 to 13 are invited to learn to play golf June 27 to 30 and July 11 to 14.

Participants will receive a Golf 4 Kids logo T-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate.

Children graduating from the program will get a free set of top quality junior clubs to keep. The cost is \$99.

For more information, call 773-3556.

Xtreme Bowling

Come to Warren Lanes

on Friday and Saturday nights and participate in Xtreme Bowling. Xtreme bowling includes music, laser lights, smoke machines, glow-in-the-dark shoes, pins and balls.

The cost is \$7.50 per lane/per hour. Bowl 9:30 to 11 p.m. Fridays, and 7 to 11 p.m., Saturdays.

Give Parents a Break program

Give Parents a Break is a free child care program for active duty members with children ages 6 weeks to 11 years who are under unique stress. The program is available monthly on the first Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon and third Friday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A referral must be requested from squadron commanders, first sergeants, chaplains, medical professionals, family advocacy, family support center or the child development center.

Auto skills stalls

The auto skills center now offers reservations for a patron-use stall. The stall

can be reserved one business day prior at the standard rate of \$3 per hour.

One stall will be available for reservations, and will not include a lift.

Reserved stalls will be held until five minutes after the reserved time then released to waiting patrons.

All other stalls will continue to be offered on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, contact 773-3869.

Photo studio

Make an appointment for a family portrait and receive a 15 percent discount on the framing of any portrait you have done.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 773-3754.

Father's Day Sports Challenge

The Father's Day Sports Challenge is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, June 19 at the all purpose field by Freedom Hall.

The challenge includes free-throw contests, three-legged races and long-ball

challenge. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in each event.

Sign up at Freedom Hall or on the day of the event.

Yard signs

Is someone you know having a birthday or enjoying a new bundle of joy? Help them celebrate with a yard sign.

The cost is \$5 per day or \$25 per week.

For more information, call the wood skills center at 773-3166.

Essay contest

Club members, your essay could win you up to \$6,000 toward your college education.

To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on "My Hero, and Why."

For more details visit the club and pick up a brochure or visit www.afsv.af.mil/clubs. All participants must be club members.

Applications for the essay contest are available at the Trail's End Club.

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Personnel Reliability Program is everyone's responsibility

Question: What action is required by an individual on PRP when a medical appointment off-base is scheduled or required?

Answer: Follow these steps:

1. Contact the certifying official or unit PRP monitor.
2. Pick up a release of medical information sheet from the PRP clinic.
3. Turn the release of medical information sheet back into the PRP clinic immediately after the appointment.
4. Report back to your certifying official or unit PRP monitor.

Look for general knowledge questions and answers every week in the Sentinel, courtesy of the base PRP office.

SHIRT'S CORNER

Customs and courtesies tips from Warren's first sergeants

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

BODY PIERCINGS

AFI 36-2903, page 93: While in uniform military members are prohibited from attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part (includes visible through the uniform). Exception: Women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl or silver pierced or clip earrings per earlobe. Matching earrings must be worn and should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe.

Off-duty on a military installation: Members are prohibited from attaching, affixing or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue or any exposed body part (includes visible through clothing). Piercing of earlobes by women is allowed, but should not be extreme or excessive. The type and style of earrings worn by women on a military installation should be conservative and kept within sensible limits. (Information provided by Master Sgt. Robert Russell, 90th Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 20TH AIR FORCE QUARTERLY SAFETY AND OPERATIONS AWARD WINNERS!



Missile Crew

1st Lt. Daniel Bentley, 319th Missile Squadron
1st Lt. Brian Brink, 90th Operations Group

Security Forces NCO

Staff Sgt. Janell Thomas, 90th Security Support Squadron

Flight Safety

Maj. Mace Kant, 37th Helicopter Flight
Capt. Brian Finnerty, 37th Helicopter Flight
Capt. Roderic Butz, 37th Helicopter Flight
Capt. Ryan Campbell, 90th Space Wing
Capt. Matthew Pignataro, 90th Security Forces Squadron